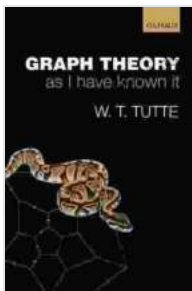


Graph Theory As I Have Known It: Oxford Lecture in Mathematics and Its Applications

By Frank Harary

Graph theory is a branch of mathematics that studies the properties of graphs. A graph is a mathematical structure that consists of a set of vertices and a set of edges. The vertices are the points of the graph, and the edges are the lines that connect the vertices. Graphs can be used to represent a wide variety of real-world phenomena, such as social networks, computer networks, and transportation networks.



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I have been working in graph theory for over 50 years, and I have seen the field grow from a small and obscure area of mathematics to a major and

vibrant field of research. In this book, I will share some of my experiences and insights from my journey through graph theory.

The Early Days of Graph Theory

Graph theory has its roots in the work of Leonhard Euler in the 18th century. Euler was interested in solving the Königsberg bridge problem, which asked whether it was possible to cross all seven bridges of Königsberg without crossing any bridge twice. Euler showed that it was not possible to solve the problem, and his work laid the foundation for graph theory.

In the 19th century, graph theory was further developed by mathematicians such as Cauchy, Hamilton, and Cayley. These mathematicians made important contributions to the theory of graphs, and their work helped to establish graph theory as a legitimate branch of mathematics.

The Development of Graph Theory in the 20th Century

In the 20th century, graph theory experienced a period of rapid growth. This growth was due in part to the development of new mathematical techniques, such as linear algebra and combinatorics. These techniques allowed mathematicians to solve more complex problems in graph theory, and they helped to open up new areas of research.

One of the most important developments in graph theory in the 20th century was the work of Paul Erdős. Erdős was a Hungarian mathematician who made major contributions to many areas of mathematics, including graph theory. Erdős published over 1,500 papers in his lifetime, and he collaborated with over 500 other mathematicians.

Erdős's work had a profound impact on graph theory. He developed new techniques for solving problems in graph theory, and he helped to establish the field as a major area of research. Erdős also introduced the concept of the Erdős number, which is a measure of how close a mathematician is to Erdős in terms of collaboration.

Graph Theory in the 21st Century

Graph theory continues to be a major area of research in the 21st century. Graph theory is used to solve a wide variety of problems in a variety of fields, including computer science, biology, and economics.

One of the most important applications of graph theory in the 21st century is in the field of computer science. Graph theory is used to design algorithms for solving problems such as routing, scheduling, and network optimization. Graph theory is also used to model social networks, which are networks of people who are connected by social ties.

Another important application of graph theory in the 21st century is in the field of biology. Graph theory is used to model biological networks, which are networks of molecules that interact with each other. Graph theory can be used to identify important molecules in biological networks, and it can also be used to predict the behavior of biological networks.

Graph theory is also used in a variety of other fields, including economics, physics, and chemistry. Graph theory is a powerful tool that can be used to solve a wide variety of problems in a variety of fields.

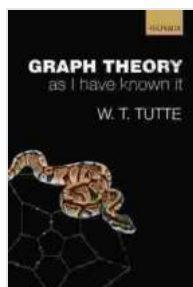
My Journey Through Graph Theory

I have been working in graph theory for over 50 years, and I have seen the field grow from a small and obscure area of mathematics to a major and vibrant field of research. I have been fortunate to work with some of the leading mathematicians in the field, and I have seen firsthand the important contributions that graph theory has made to a variety of fields.

I am passionate about graph theory, and I believe that it is a field with a bright future. I am excited to see what the future holds for graph theory, and I am confident that it will continue to make important contributions to a variety of fields.

Graph theory is a fascinating and challenging field of mathematics. It is a field with a rich history, and it is a field that is still growing and developing. I encourage you to learn more about graph theory and to explore the many applications of graph theory in a variety of fields.

I hope that you enjoy reading this book. I have tried to share some of my experiences and insights from my journey through graph theory. I hope that this book will inspire you to learn more about graph theory and to explore the many applications of graph theory in a variety of fields.



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